Waiting list for LPG connections in the country

758. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wait listed consumers, State-wise for LPG connections;

(b) whether it is a fact that in view of such large number of wait listed customers, bogus firms have mushroomed under the disguise of liberalised import policy of the Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring restrictions on control such firms advertising activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) and (c) A number of private parties have issued advertisements offering to import and sell PG and inviting applications for appointment of distributors, etc. The public have been advised through a Press Note that while no registration or licence by Government of India is necessary for undertaking parallel marketing, antecedents, genuineness and capability of parties advertising about their entry into parallel marketing and offering dealerships/distributorships may be ascertained before entering into any transaction or business with such advertisers. The State/UT Governments have also been requested to give necessary publicity about this through district functionaries and other appropriate agencies. On information/complaint, MRTP Commission also takes appropriate action against persons indulging in unfair trade practices.

Statement

State-wise total number of consumers in the waiting list for LPG connections

STATES	Waiting list for LPG connections as on 1-10-93 (In Lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	6.83
Arunachal Pradesh	0.16
Assam	1.27
Bihar	2.56
Goa	0.67
Gujarat	6.52
Haryana	3.82
Himachal Pradesh	0.87
Jammu & Kashmir	1.01
Karnataka	5.21
Kerala	3.30
Madhya Pradesh	4.68
Maharashtra	16.66
Manipur	0.14
Meghalaya	0.10
Mizoram	0.12
Nagaland	0.12
Orissa	1.16
Punjab	4.61
Rajasthan	7.92
Sikkim	0.09
Tamilnadu	10.70
Tripura	0.24
Uttar Pradesh	12.67
West Bengal	8.50
Union Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	0.08
Chandigarh	0.77
Dadra & Nagar Havelie	0.02

Delhi	6.77
Daman & Diu . .	0.02
Lakshadweep . .	0.00
Pondicherry . . .	0.26
Silvasa	0.00

L.P.G. bottling plants by private companies including NRI and foreign Entrepreneurs

759. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private companies including NRI and foreign entrepreneurs have submitted any proposals for setting up LP Gas bottling plants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, including their proposed location, production capacity and cost;

(c) what is Government's decision thereon; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decontrol over prices of Kerosene and LPG

760. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to decontrol the prices of kerosene and liquified petroleum gas (LPG); and

(b) if so, the extent of subsity involved in the sale of these products and the reasons for decontrolling these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There is no proposal to lift the price control on LPG and Kerosene distributed by Government Oil Companies. However, the private entrepreneures undertaking parallel marketing of LPG and Kerosene are free to sell these products on market-determined prices through their own distribution net-work.

(b) The total subsidy provided for the sale of kerosene and LPG (domestic) by the PSUs during 1992-93 is approximately Rs. 4421 crores. By allowing the parallel marketing of the two products additional quantities of kerosene and LPG would be available to the public over and above the quantities being marketed by the Public Sector oil companies. Further, it would also check the outflow of subsidy from the Pool fund in the sale of SKO and LPG.

Cases of mixing kerosene in to petrol

761. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of mixing Kerosene with petrol by the petrol pumps and selling the said adulterated petrol to the public which have come to the notice of Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases registered against the guilty persons; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Three cases of mixing kerosene with petrol have come to the notice of Government during the last three years, the details of which are given below: